

his Ranger Tab, Sergeant Lugo was also a graduate of the warrior leader course and the reconnaissance and surveillance leader course. He has been honored with the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal, in addition to various unit and campaign awards. Sadly, he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Purple Heart.

"Rangers Lead the Way!" has long been the motto of the Army Rangers, and Sergeant Lugo clearly took this to heart. The fact that this exceptional Ranger spent his best years constantly deployed to a combat zone should serve as an example to all Americans of the selflessness and dedication of our young men and women in uniform. Words can do little to recognize the true sacrifice required of a young man in his prime to answer the call when asked to deploy six times in 6 years.

I am truly saddened that the lives of men like Martin Lugo are too often honored only in their deaths. Nonetheless, it is a far greater sin to fail to recognize them at all. I call on my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life and service of Sergeant Lugo, and in expressing my sincerest condolences to his mother Maria Marin; his father Martin Lugo; his stepfather Esteban Oropeza; his sister Leslie Bencic; and his brother-in-law Christopher Bencic.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, I rise today with the heaviest of hearts to observe the ninth anniversary of the terrible tragedy that befell our country on September 11, 2001, and changed America—and Americans—forever. We remember those whom we lost that terrible day, but also celebrate the freedoms we cherish and which make our nation the greatest in the world.

On this September 11, as on all that have preceded it, we mourned the loss of those eight individuals from Maine who were taken from us all too soon—Anna Allison, Carol Flyzik, Robert Jalbert, Jacqueline Norton, Robert Norton, James Roux, Robert Schlegel, and Stephen Ward. We remember the heroic acts of valor that will always distinguish the thousands of men and women who went to work that day, or boarded a plane, or rushed to the aid of strangers whose lives they believed were as vital as their own. Indeed, if 9/11 was a snapshot of horror, it also became a portrait of consummate humanity. If it laid bare the unimaginable cruelties of which humankind is capable, it also imbued forever within our minds the heights to which the human spirit can rise—even and especially in the face of mortality.

And nowhere was that more evident than with the first responders who, in the face of unspeakable adversity and peril, heroically ran toward the very dangers others were desperately trying to escape, placing their lives in harm's

way in the most courageous and valiant of endeavors to save others without regard for their own safety. Their service and sacrifice are also a vivid reminder of the exceptional men and women who have donned our country's uniform to safeguard and defend our Nation. Whether on our shores or soil here at home or around the globe, their steadfast sense of duty and love of country are an inspiration to us all, their commitment fortifies our determination, and their professionalism steadies our hands in an uncertain world.

I will always remember here in Maine, firefighters from throughout the State rushed to aid in the rescue and recovery efforts, the Portland Symphony Orchestra gave an inspiring "Concert of Remembrance and Healing," dedicated to those with close ties to Maine who lost their lives, and the 554 employees of a pulp and paper mill in Baileyville who donated more than \$6,000 to help people whom the workers had never met, in places many of them had never visited. One employee contributed his entire \$600 tax-relief refund to the cause, saying it was the least he could do to help. That is the America our enemies could never understand—and never will.

How clear it is then that, out of the rubble rose our resolve, out of despair grew our determination, and out of the hate that was perpetrated upon us proudly stood our humanity. It was an unmistakable message to the world that we would never be deterred—that our freedoms could never be crushed by the blunt and tortuous instruments of terror that are no match against a resilient people certain in the knowledge that good ultimately triumphs over evil.

TRIBUTE TO CONNIE VEILLETTE

Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

AUGUST 5, 2010.

Hon. RICHARD G. LUGAR,
U.S. Senator,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LUGAR: On behalf of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network, a broad and diverse coalition of international development and foreign policy practitioners, policy experts, and private-sector organizations committed to strengthening development as a key component of U.S. foreign policy, we are writing to express our sincere appreciation for the exceptional work of Ms. Connie Veillette, Senior Professional Staff Member for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, as she prepares for retirement.

Connie has truly been a pleasure to work with on a variety of issues that are vital to the global development agenda—from comprehensive foreign assistance reform, to global food security and agricultural development, to funding of key U.S. government programs that contribute to the success of our nation's development efforts abroad. We

would like to especially recognize her tireless efforts on S. 1524, the Kerry-Lugar Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act, and S. 384, the Lugar-Casey Global Food Security Act—both of which were successfully passed out of committee this Congress.

She has consistently kept an "open door" to our network's members and staff, providing valuable insight, guidance, and support on policy matters of critical importance to making U.S. development activities more effective and efficient. In more ways than one, she is a reflection of your longstanding and continuing leadership on these issues, and we are grateful for your collective elevation of development as a pillar of our foreign policy approach.

While we are saddened to see her leave the Committee, we know that the development community will always have a friend and champion in Connie, wherever she may be.

We respectfully request that this letter be entered into the Congressional Record as deserving recognition of Connie's service to you, the United States Senate, and our country.

With warm regards,

DAVID BECKMANN,

MFAN Co-Chair,

President, Bread for the World.

GEORGE INGRAM,

MFAN Co-Chair, Vice President,

Academy for Educational Development.

REAL AND WANTED CHANGE

Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, during the August recess, I am sure we all have met with people who expressed frustration with how things are going in Washington. Very recently, a poem, written by Norman Klopp of Cleveland, OH, was given to me. I think it represents what many people across the country are feeling about their government. I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE REASON

(By Norm Klopp, Sept. 10, 2010)

There's a rising in our nation
It is sensed both far and wide
It's a movement based on common sense
And deep and personal pride.

In cities, town and villages
As families faced what's real
They make the tough decisions
To make family finance heal.

They cut back here and cut back there.
They do things they never tried
To balance personal family books.
It's common sense and pride.

And is it any wonder
As they struggle to do right
That they're appalled at Washington
With no discipline in sight.

There is a rising in our nation
And the reason's very clear
There's a discontent with Washington
That's fed people's fear.

And politicians wonder
Why we don't understand
They know what's best for all of us
Across this mighty land.

But we still have our common sense
We know it is true fact
You cannot spend and grow the debt
With no thought to pay it back.

Nor will the people silent stand
As politicians threat
To shove the country further left